

## Sara Silva

Partner

Boston

### Biography

Sara Silva is an experienced trial lawyer who handles white-collar criminal and complex civil and commercial litigation in state and federal courts, administrative hearings, and government investigations and enforcement actions.

Sara's clients include global companies, executives, and licensed professionals; pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers; and public officials. She defends clients against allegations of kickbacks, overbilling, fraud, false statements, and public corruption. Her civil litigation work includes product liability defense, multi-district litigation, commercial litigation, and fraud actions.

Sara's practice covers all aspects of criminal and civil litigation from initial investigation through trial. She conducts internal investigations on behalf of corporate clients, responds to grand jury subpoenas and civil investigative demands issued by the Department of Justice, and develops and leads defense trial strategy in criminal prosecutions and civil cases. She has also built a reputation for defending individuals facing high-profile criminal charges, including public officials, executives, and foreign nationals. Additionally, Sara has extensive life sciences experience, having defended against allegations of Medicare and Medicaid over-billing, health care fraud, false and fraudulent



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### Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Litigation Services

Administrative and Public Law

Commercial Litigation

Products Law

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### Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

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### Areas of focus

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Class Actions and Group Litigation

promotion of drugs and devices, and wrongful death caused by manufacturing and design defects.

Sara developed a thorough knowledge of sentencing policies through her prior experience with the Federal Public and Community Defenders' National Sentencing Resource Project. While there, she drafted comments and testimony to the U.S. Sentencing Commission on proposed changes to the Sentencing Guidelines; co-authored amici curiae briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court; and traveled nationwide training lawyers on sentencing advocacy and practice.

She currently serves as the First Circuit representative on the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Practitioners Advisory Group, a standing advisory group of criminal defense practitioners selected by the commission to provide advice on federal sentencing policy from the defense perspective.

## Representative experience

Secured acquittal of executive charged with conspiracy to violate anti-kickback laws on pharmaceutical marketing, despite prior settlement and negative publicity.\*

Represent medical device manufacturer in multi-district litigation of over 11,000 individual suits alleging manufacture of defective products and two bellwether cases.

Won trial for client convicted of serious felony, resulting in release from prison. The state later chose not to retry case and dismissed all charges.\*

Represent public official accused of illegally pressuring organizers of a music festival into hiring union members, purportedly in violation of the Hobbs Act.

Represent marine biologist accused of violating the Export Administrative Regulations in connection with exports of scientific instruments to the People's

Product Litigation

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

Anti-Corruption Compliance and Due Diligence

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law, cum laude, 1999

B.A., The Evergreen State College, 1996

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## Memberships

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Women in Criminal Defense Committee, member

Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Steering Committee, Boston Bar Foundation, Society of Fellows

Member, Boston Bar Service Innovation Project

First Circuit Representative, U.S. Sentencing Commission's Practitioners Advisory Group (2014 through 2021)

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## Bar admissions and

Republic of China.

Represented a life sciences company in a multi-million dollar contract dispute; matter settled two days before trial commenced under terms highly favorable to the client.

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Awards and rankings

- Top Attorneys in New England, *Boston Magazine*, 2017-2018
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2013-2020
- Top Attorneys in Massachusetts, *Boston Magazine*, 2015-2018
- Top Women Attorneys in Massachusetts, *Boston Magazine*, 2014-2018
- Top Women of Law, *Mass Lawyers Weekly*, 2018
- Criminal Defense: White Collar, *Massachusetts Super Lawyers Women's Edition*, 2014-2020

## Latest thinking and events

- ■ Boston Compliance Forum
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells partner Sara Silva named among Massachusetts “Top Women in Law”

## qualifications

Massachusetts

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## Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

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